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## **Rep. Roggow, Congressman Istook Meet HHS Secretary Leavitt for Health Care Roundtable**

*Washington, DC* - State Rep. Curt Roggow joined Congressman Ernest Istook (R-Warr Acres) and Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt on Friday in Oklahoma City to take part in a health care roundtable.

**"As an independent insurance businessman, I know how important this new Medicare drug plan is. There is a lot of concern surrounding the plan, so I was eager to meet with Secretary Leavitt and Congressman Istook to discuss how the plan was being implemented."** said Rep. Roggow.

The purpose of the meeting was for Congressman Istook and Secretary Leavitt to meet with state-wide members of health care industries and discuss the impact of the Medicare Part D prescription drug program as well as how to improve rural health care.

**"Secretary Leavitt and I recognize that the program is not perfect in its present form, which is why we are sitting down with the medical community to see what works and what doesn't,"** says Rep. Istook. **"In rural communities, pharmacists are on the front line when it comes to administering health care. Getting honest feedback is the only way we can make this program work to its full potential."**

While in Oklahoma, Secretary Leavitt also attended a Medicare Part D signup event at Crossroads Mall in Oklahoma City.

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